
HOUSE BILL No. 1288

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-18; IC 9-29-5-37.5.

Synopsis: Political party license plates. Creates political party license plates. Requires a county chairman to provide to the bureau of motor vehicles (BMV) a list of individuals who are to receive political party license plates. Requires fees to be paid to a county chairman and the BMV for political party license plates.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-18-2-28 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 28. **(a) This section**
3 **does not apply to political party license plates issued under**
4 **IC 9-18-24.5.**

5 **(b)** Notwithstanding any other law, license plates, including
6 personalized license plates, for:

- 7 (1) passenger motor vehicles;
8 (2) recreational vehicles;
9 (3) motor vehicles registered to disabled veterans under
10 IC 9-18-18; or
11 (4) motor vehicles registered to former prisoners of war under
12 IC 9-18-17;

13 that contain any of the numerals 1 through 100 following the prefix
14 numbers and letter shall be issued annually by the bureau.

15 SECTION 2. IC 9-18-24.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
16 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
17 JULY 1, 2002]:

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Chapter 24.5. Political Party License Plates

Sec. 1. The bureau shall design and issue political party license plates.

Sec. 2. A person who is eligible to register a vehicle under this title is eligible to receive a political party license plate under this chapter upon doing the following:

(1) Obtaining approval to receive a political party license plate from the county chairman of:

(A) the Democratic Party;

(B) the Republican Party; or

(C) a political party that received not less than five percent (5%) of the total vote cast in Indiana in the last general election for the office of governor, as certified to the secretary of state under IC 3-12-5-6;

in the county where the person resides.

(2) Paying a political party license plate fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) to the county chairman from whom approval was obtained under subdivision (1).

(3) Providing proof of the approval obtained under subdivision (1) to the bureau.

(4) Paying the fees required under IC 9-29-5-37.5.

(5) Paying the motor vehicle excise tax imposed under IC 6-6-5.

Sec. 3. A political party license plate issued under this chapter must display:

(1) a numeral that indicates the county in which the vehicle is registered;

(2) one (1) of the following:

(A) The letter "D" indicating the Democratic Party if the applicant obtained approval under section 2(1)(A) of this chapter.

(B) The letter "R" indicating the Republican Party if the applicant has obtained approval under section 2(1)(B) of this chapter.

(C) The first letter of the name of the political party if the applicant obtained approval under section 2(1)(C) of this chapter; and

(3) any other information that the bureau considers necessary.

Sec. 4. Before October 1 of each year before the year that a political party license plate is to be issued, the county chairman of each political party described in section 2(1) of this chapter shall provide to the bureau a list of persons approved under section 2(1)



of this chapter to receive a political party license plate, including:

(1) the person's:

(A) name;

(B) address; and

(C) desired license plate number; and

(2) identification of the license branch from which the person will obtain the political party license plate.

Sec. 5. For each political party described in section 2 of this chapter, the bureau shall make the following available for registration under this chapter:

(1) One hundred (100) political party license plates in counties with a population of less than fifty thousand (50,000).

(2) Three hundred (300) political party license plates in counties with a population of at least fifty thousand (50,000) but not more than two hundred forty-nine thousand, nine hundred ninety-nine (249,999).

(3) Five hundred (500) political party license plates in counties with a population of at least two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) but not more than four hundred ninety-nine thousand, nine hundred ninety-nine (499,999).

(4) Seven hundred (700) political party license plates in counties with a population of at least five hundred thousand (500,000).

Sec. 6. The bureau shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to administer this chapter, including:

(1) rules establishing the service fee for a political party license plate, which must be reasonably related to the cost to the bureau for the:

(A) manufacture;

(B) processing; and

(C) distribution;

of the plate; and

(2) rules establishing the financial responsibility of the county chairman to pay the bureau's expenses incurred under subdivision (1).

Sec. 7. The letters required under section 3(2) of this chapter must be issued only for political party license plates.

SECTION 3. IC 9-29-5-37.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 37.5. (a) A vehicle registered under IC 9-18-24.5 is subject to the following:

(1) An annual registration fee imposed under this chapter.



1 (2) A service fee set by rule adopted by the bureau under
2 IC 9-18-24.5-6.

3 (3) Any other fee or tax required for registration of a vehicle
4 under this title.

5 (b) Amounts collected under subsection (a)(2) must be deposited
6 in the state license branch fund under IC 9-29-14.

7 SECTION 4. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002] (a) Notwithstanding
8 IC 9-18-24.5, as added by this act, the requirement that the bureau
9 shall design and issue political party license plates does not apply
10 to license plates issued before January 1, 2003.

11 (b) Notwithstanding IC 9-29-5-37.5, as added by this act, the
12 requirement that the bureau of motor vehicles shall collect
13 registration and service fees for political party license plates does
14 not apply to license plates issued before January 1, 2003.

15 (c) This SECTION expires June 30, 2004.

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